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For: PADDLES AND ENCLOSURES FOR  
ENHANCING MASS TRANSFER DURING  
PROCESSING OF MICROFEATURE  
WORKPIECES

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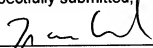
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